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Many Honored at Aviation Conference

Several awards were presented at the 1998 Montana Aviation Conference honoring many Montana aviators. A number of organizations presented annual awards to outstanding achievers for their dedication and contributions throughout the year.

The Montana Aeronautics Division presented the following awards:

Airport of the Year: Plains Airport

Educator of the Year: Jack Bayne, Laurel

Flight Instructor of the Year: Duane Hodgkinson

Steve Jones of the Helena Flight Standards District of the FAA presented the Aviation Maintenance Technician Employer Program Diamond Certificate of Excellence to:

Corporate Air, Billings
Semitool Inc., Kalispell

and the Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year Award to:

Jerry Schiffer, Lynch Flying Service, Billings

The Montana Pilots Association presented its annual awards as follows:

Pilot of the Year: Fred "Fritz" Lueneburg, Worden

President's Award: Randy James, Kalispell

Junior Pilot: Amy Woody, Billings

Spark Plug Award: Larry Larson, Molt

Bent Prop Award: Ivin Hirsh and Merrill Pearey, Miles City

Hangar of the Year: North Central Hangar, Havre

Several thousand dollars in scholarships were presented by various individuals and organizations. The recipients were:

A Love of Aviation: Matthew Prinkki, Roberts

A Love of Aviation: Shannon Bengeyfield, Dillon
(Anonymous Donors)

Morrison Appreciation: Scott Snider, Turner
(Jeff Morrison, retired owner of Morrison Flying Service, Helena)

Parrott Family: Ryan Clark, Geraldine
(Doug Parrott and family of Roundup)

Blue Goose: Katie Pribyl, Great Falls
(Kathy and Joe Kuberka of Colorado Springs formerly of Great Falls)

AOM: Peter Page
(Aviation Organizations of Montana)

Montana 99's: Michelle Lea, Belgrade

Ray Costello, Regional Director for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) awarded its prestigious AOPA recognition award to:

Tuck Barrett, Cascade

Congratulations to all of the individuals and companies who were honored. Keep up the good work! And a big thank you to the many generous scholarship donors who support and encourage Montana youth in their aviation endeavors.

Thanks to Contributors

The Montana Aviation Conference would not be possible without those who give so freely to make this truly one of if not the "best state aviation conference" in the country.

A special feature to this year's fundraising was the generous offer from Kent Williams for a ride in his Citation V for a lucky winner and five of his/her friends. Raffle tickets were sold and pilot Mal Soare drew the winner.....Krayton Kerns of Laurel.

Many contributed to the success of the conference. Thanks to the following sponsors: Aerotronics, Inc., Air BP/Corporate Air, AirSure, Arlin's Aircraft Service, Inc., Big Sky Aircraft, Inc.,

Big Sky Airlines, Billings Logan International Airport, Brackett Aircraft Co., Inc., Charles Trower Aviation, Inc., Columbus Barnstormers, Cross Petroleum, Delta Airlines, First Citizens Bank, Holman Aviation-Kalispell, Interstate Engineering, Kadmas, Lee & Jackson, Isbill Associates, Inc., Joseo Outdoor, Lynch Flying Service, Morrison-Maierle, Inc., Northwest Airlines, Norwest Bank, Professional Consultants, Inc., Richland Aviation, Rickman Aircraft, Rimrock Inn, Robert Peeiea & Assoc., Skywest Airlines, Southern Aero, Standard Aero, Stewart & Stevenson, Top Hand Air Sprayers, Westco Resources, Inc., Yellowstone Air Service.

Space in the exhibit area sold out early. Exhibitors from across the country and Canada displayed the latest in aviation products and services. Thanks to the exhibitors for donating thousands of dollars worth of door prizes that were given away at lunch on Friday. This year's exhibitors were: Aerotronics, Inc., Aircraft Technical Publishers, Avemeo Insurance Co., Aviall, BF Goodrich Avionics Systems, Casper Air Service, Cessna Aircraft, Chadwick Helmuth Co., Champion Aviation Products, Chief Equipment Corp., City Service, Inc., Corporate Air, Cross Petroleum Service, DTN Weather Center, Edmo Distributors Inc., Engine Components Northwest, FAA SEA CASFO, Fly Tye LLC, General Aviation Modifications, Green Tree, Hardy Aviation Ins., Helena College of Technology, Hoiness Labor Insurance, Il Morrow, Inc., Kadmas, Lee & Jackson PC, Lynch Flying Service, M.A.C. Aircraft Engines, M.A.C. Aircraft Propellers, Maule NW, Montana Aeronautics Division, Montana Antique Aircraft Assn, Montana Aviation Trades Assn, Montana Pilots Assn, Mountain Air Insurance Service, Northwest Propeller Service, Omaha Airplane Service, PAMA, Pan Am Weather Systems, Parker Hannifin Corp, Rapeo, Inc., Regal Aviation Insurance, Rocky Mountain College, Southern Aero Aviation, Inc., Stevens Aviation, Textron Lycoming, West Star Aviation and Stewart & Stevenson Power, Inc.

Thanks again for your support we hope to see you in Butte next February 25-27, 1999.

Administrator's Column

GA ACCIDENT RATE AT ALL TIME LOW

According to a recent National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) report, the general aviation (GA) accident rates declined to 7.51 per 100,000 flight hours in 1997, compared to 7.90 in 1996, and the fatal accident rate dropped from 1.49 per 100,000 flight hours in 1996 to 1.42 in 1997. GA accidents fell to an all time low showing 1,854 in 1997, a 2.8 percent improvement from the 1,905 in 1996. AOPA Air Safety Foundation executive director Bruce Landsberg stated "GA had fewer accidents than any time since record-keeping began in 1938. Moreover, both total accident and fatal accident rates were the lowest ever recorded." Nearly all areas of GA improved. Accidents involving business flying decreased 14 percent, aerial application decreased 13.4 percent and personal flying declined 3.7 percent. Instructional accidents rose 12.2 percent, from 246 in 1996 to 276 in 1997. NTSB said on-demand air taxis decreased from 89 in 1996 to 82 accidents in 1997. The fatalities declined from 63 in 1996 to 40 in 1997 and the accident rate per 100,000 hours declined from 4.45 in 1996 to 4.14 in 1997.

CONDOLENCES

The Montana aviation community was very concerned to learn that Cecil Weeding was missing on his flight from Havre to his ranch near Jordan on April 6th and rallied to a massive volunteer search effort which, after four days, located the wreckage of Cecil's airplane. We were all saddened to learn he had not survived the accident. On behalf of the Aeronautics Board, the Division, and the entire Montana aviation community, I wish to extend our sincere condolences and prayers to Ada, Rod, Mark, Doug, Dave and the entire Weeding family.



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In Memory of Cecil Weeding

Rancher-politician-aviator Cecil Weeding passed away as a result of an aircraft accident. Weeding, 64, piloted his single-engine plane out of Havre the morning of April 6 for a one-hour flight to his ranch 12 miles northwest of Jordan. An extensive air search resulted in Weeding being located on April 10 in rugged country on the edge of the Little Rocky Mountains.

Weeding was born in Miles City and graduated from high school in Jordan. He obtained a bachelor's degree in agricultural business from Montana State University and was a member of the state Board of Natural Resources from 1973 to 1985.

He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1970 and served one term. In 1985, Weeding was appointed to replace

Sen. Dave Manning, who resigned due to poor health. Weeding was elected to the Senate seat in 1986 and reelected in 1990.

Weeding was currently a candidate for the Public Service Commission. He was well respected throughout the state and is remembered as a guy that was full of energy and high spirits. He was appreciated for his intelligence, keen sense of humor and deep love for and faith in rural communities.

He is survived by his wife Ada, sons and daughter-in-laws Doug and Lavetta; Rod and Gail; Mark and Karen; Dave and Laurie and 11 grandchildren.

Thank you

The Weeding family would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all of those pilots, observers and others who assisted in the air search for Cecil. The support, concern and willingness of those in the aviation community who give so freely of their time was overwhelming and will always be remembered. Thanks to each and everyone of you for your assistance, thoughts and prayers in our time of need.

Ada Weeding and family

AOPA Urges NAV Canada To Continue Fuel Tax

AOPA has told NAV Canada that foreign-registered general aviation aircraft, including U.S. registered aircraft, should continue to pay for their costs of the Canadian air navigation system through a fuel tax.

NAV Canada requested AOPA's comments on its "discussion paper" on Phase II service charges for air navigation services. The not-for-profit corporation took over Canada's air navigation system in October 1996 and implemented user fees last month for aircraft weighing more than 17,600 pounds.

In Phase II, NAV Canada is now considering how general aviation will pay for its use of the air traffic control system, flight service station services and radio navigation aids.

Under consideration is some form of an aviation fuel tax or an annual fee for general aviation. For example, foreign-registered non-commercial piston-engine aircraft weighing less than 4,400 pounds would

pay \$20 each year they transited Canadian airspace.

AOPA argued that user fees for general aviation could erode safety as users seek ways to contain costs by avoiding aviation safety services. Noting that many U.S. pilots fly north for tourism, AOPA said that an annual fee for foreign-registered aircraft might actually reduce travel to Canada.

AOPA suggested that a fee specifically levied upon visiting foreign aircraft would raise little revenue while imposing upon NAV Canada a costly administrative burden.

NAV Canada is scheduled to release its formal payment proposal for general aviation in May and plans to implement the proposal in November.

Aviation Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established in the name of the late Kenneth K. Kantola of Great Falls, Montana. Ken was a life long resident of Great Falls and had been involved with aviation all his adult life. His aviation career spanned more than forty years. He was an Air Traffic Controller at the old FAA Air Traffic Control Center located on Malmstrom Air Force Base, a pilot for the Montana Air National Guard and New Mexico Air National Guard and was an airline captain for Continental Airlines. Ken spent his last years as an Aviation Safety Inspector with the FAA Flight Standards District Office in Helena.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be made to a Montana high school senior or a Montana college student enrolled in an aviation curriculum. The scholarship will be awarded during the FAA Fly In and Safety Expo to be held in Kalispell, July 17-19, 1998.

The award will be made by a selection com-

mittee and will be based on overall character, goals, academic qualifications, seriousness of purpose, aviation related activities if any and other criteria it determines to be appropriate. Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 1998.

Request for application should be addressed to Len Wheeler, 2725 Skyway Drive, Suite 1, Helena, MT 59602-1213 or you may call to request an application by calling (800)457-9917 or call the Aeronautics Division at 444-2506.

BigSky Airlines to Expand Service

BigSky Airlines plans to commence daily air service between Kalispell and Billings effective May 4. Service will consist of two round-trip flights each week day and one round-trip flight each weekend day between those cities. Flights will be timed to provide convenient local service, connections in Billings with Northwest Airlines flights to/from Minneapolis and beyond, and connections to seven cities served in Central and Eastern Montana, which are served by BigSky.

All flights will be operated with the 19 passenger, Fairchild Metroliner III aircraft that cruises at

300 miles per hour. In conjunction with the new Kalispell service, the company will also commence new non-stop service on certain morning and afternoon flights between Missoula and Billings. Currently, all Missoula services make a stop in Helena.

BigSky's toll free reservation phone number is (800)237-7788.



Calendar

April 18 - 19 - CAP SAR training exercise, Red Lodge Airport.

April 19 - 25 - Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL.

April 24 - Montana Aeronautics Board Meeting, Helena.

April 25 - AOM Board Meeting, Helena.

May 9 - Great Falls MPA Hangar Barbecue, Poker Run, Front Range Aviation, Great Falls International Airport.

May 11 - 16 - Aviation Technology week, Laurel.

May 16 - Laurel Fly-in and Open House, Laurel Airport.

May 23 - Colstrip MPA Fly-in Breakfast. Lots planned, Young Eagle Flights, fun and games for all. For further information 406-748-2386.

May 29 - 31 - CAP State Conference, Yogo Inn, Lewistown.

June 6 - Miles City Airport Appreciation Day.

June 13 - 5th Annual Young Eagles Day.

June 15 - 19 - Top Gun Flight Camp, Rocky Mountain College, Billings.

June 18 - Airtour '98. Depart Edmonton June 18 or 19, arrive Dawson City June 21.

June 21 - Beacon Star Father's Day Fly-in with Frank's poorboy sourdough pancake breakfast served 8 - 11 a.m.

June 23 - 26 - Women's Air Race Classic, Santa Fe, NM to Batavia, OH.

June 27 - Plains Fly-in breakfast, call Randy Garrison 826-3605 (day) 826-3022 (eve).

July 8 - 12 - Northwest EAA Fly-in, Arlington, WA.

July 11 - Hamilton Airport Open House and Pancake Breakfast.

July 11 - MPA North Central Hangar annual Fly-in Breakfast and Toy Show, Havre City County Airport.

July 17 - 19 - Schafer Meadows Annual Work Session.

July 29 - August 4 - 46th Annual EAA Fly-in Convention, Oshkosh, WI.

August 6 - 9 - Montana Antique Aircraft Association Three Forks Fly-in, Progreba Field.

September 4 - 7 - 5th Annual Silver City Fly-in, Silver City Airport.

September 5 - 7 - Annual Labor Day Family Fly-in, West Yellowstone.

September 11 - 13 - Laurel Fly-in and Swap Meet.

September 18 - 20 - Mountain Search Pilot Clinic, Kalispell.

September 19 - Aerotronics Annual Open House, Billings.

Academy Appointment

CAP Cadet Colonel Michael Garman of Billings has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy (USFA). Cadet Garman will leave for the Academy in June to begin a promising career in the USAF and should graduate with the class of 2002. Cadet Garman has certainly lived up to the highest ideals of the CAP cadet program and the members of Beartooth Composite Squadron in Billings wish him great success at the USFA.

Montana Aviation Conference

Participants enjoy a strolling lunch in the exhibit hall on Friday afternoon and listen attentively as numbers are drawn for door prizes. Below, Martin Elshire, Wanda Rickman and Allen Rickman have a bit of fun with the crowd while drawing the lucky winners. Exhibitors and other contributors donated thousands of dollars worth of door prizes that were given away.

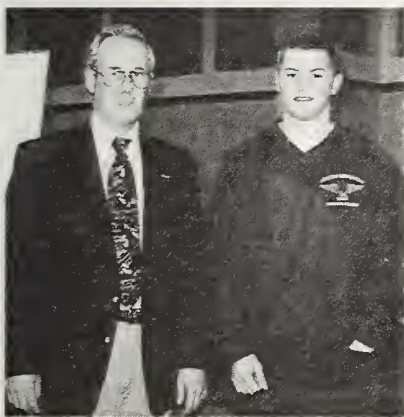


Above, Tuck Barrett of Cascade accepts an AOPA Citation from Ray Costello, Northwest Region Representative of AOPA. Ray acknowledged Tuck for his lifelong dedication to aviation and the Montana aviation industry. At right, more than 100 airframe and powerplant mechanics participate in the Division's annual Mechanic Seminar/IA Renewal. Fourteen hours of training was conducted by industry professionals from throughout the country.



Challenge Aviation with Education held at the Montana Aviation Conference

Teachers are the heart of aviation education. Teach a teacher to have an appreciation of aviation and the result will touch the minds of many young students. This year's Aviation Education Teacher's Workshop was nothing short of outstanding. The kick-off, key note speaker was David Kimball, Director of Aviation Programs and Professor of Aviation at Rocky Mountain College and



David Kimball, Director, Aviation Programs and Professor of Aviation, Rocky Mountain College, Billings with aviation student Jarrad Elliot of McCall, Idaho.

one of Rocky Mountain College's aviation students. Jarrad Elliot presented a student's view of aviation and its future.

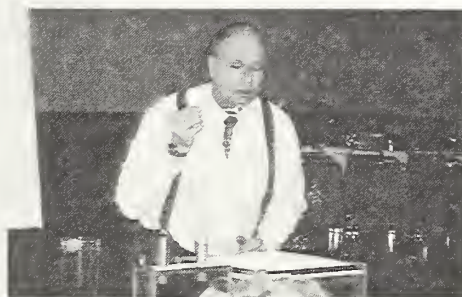
Jack Bayne a teacher from Laurel Middle School, who was also presented the award of "Aviation Educator of the Year" at this year's conference, presented Aviation and Technology Days with his team of teachers from Laurel.

Gordon Hoff, Manager of Aviation Education at Minnesota Aeronautics flew to Montana's conference to present "Toys that Teach Aviation" to Montana's teachers.

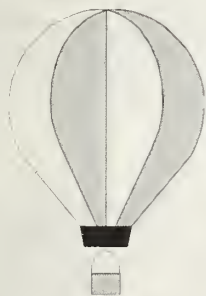
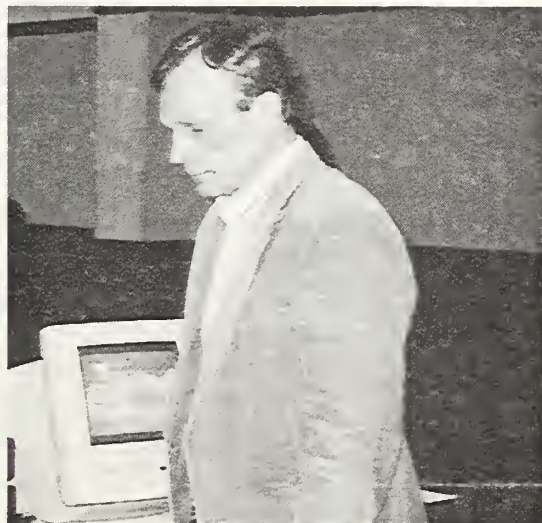
Kaye Ebelt of Missoula presented an Aerospace Program, Chuck Manning of Flathead High School presented aviation weather, Paula Mulrone an FAA ground school instructor in Helena presented navigation, Mike Cavey of Montana State University presented 4H aviation and curriculum, and Lt Col Ken Lamkin shared the Civil Air Patrol program with the teachers.

Other programs that drew the interest of Montana teachers included, the X33 Program presented by JoAnn Eisenzimer and Lt Col Chris Milodrgavich. The "Careers in Aviation for high school student and teachers" was a panel discussion with Montana Aviation Professionals. The Montana Chapter of the 99s presented the Air Bear Program for elementary students and teachers.

On Saturday the teachers were able to take an introduction flight with Jeanne Lesnik and Tad Kirschman of Lynch Flying Service, fly the FAA's flight simulator with Len Wheeler and conducted a thorough pre-flight under the direction of Rocky Mountain College flight student Amy Woody.



Above, Gordon Hoff, Toys that Teach Aviation Education. Below, Chuck Manning presenting Aviation Weather at Challenge Education with Aviation.



Exploring the World of Aviation with Air Bear

Saint Francis Primary School of Billings, MT, kindergarten class of 40 students. Tina Pomeroy and Gail Sanchez-Eaton of the Montana Chapter of the 99's presented the Air Bear program with a special guest appearance by Kimberly Leslie of Miles City as Air Bear. AOPA contributed "future pilot" wings pins for each kindergarten student and a mini-page aviation worksheet.



Aviation and Technology/Laurel Fly-In

Laurel Aviation and Technology Week takes place May 11-16 and is geared toward area school children. Over 14,000 students are expected to attend and be introduced to aviation and technology. Large and fast military aircraft will be making low passes over the airport. Activity at the Laurel airport on Thursday and Friday afternoons will include antique aircraft and military displays. Other activities continue on Saturday all day and lunch will be available on the field.

FAA Receives Recommendations

Change the rules and change the paint! Those are the top recommendations from the runway incursions subcommittee of FAA's Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee, led by AOPA Air Safety Foundation Executive Director Bruce Landsberg.

The subcommittee said the fastest ways to reduce incursion risk are: 1) to reduce taxi clearance confusion and 2) to clearly mark the edge of the runway.

An incursion is any occurrence on the airport grounds that creates a collision hazard or loss of traffic separation between taxiing aircraft and those landing or taking off. A vehicle or pedestrian can also cause an incursion, but the most common incident is an aircraft inadvertently taxiing onto an active runway without clearance from air traffic control.

The subcommittee said that painted runway "hold short" lines should be reflective and doubled in width. Glass beads in the paint — like highway stripes

— would make them easier to see in darkness and rain. This change would be quick and inexpensive because "hold short" lines must be repainted periodically.

The public is welcome to attend after 5:00 pm on Friday, May 15 and Saturday.

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Longer-term recommendations include installation of runway entrance lighting and in-pavement taxiway lights at some airports, research on making aircraft more conspicuous on the ground, and continued development of tower and in-cockpit displays showing aircraft position on the airport.

The AOPA Air Safety Foundation has launched such a runway incursion education campaign. A copy of the "Report of the Subcommittee on Runway Incursions" is available on AOPA ONLINE at www.aopa.org.

MAY 15 -16, 1998

LAUREL AIRPORT

MPA sponsored BBQ
Friday, May 15
6:00-9:00 p.m.

EAA Breakfast
Saturday, May 16
7:00-10:00 a.m.

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Parade
(Armed Forces Day)
Saturday, May 16
10:00 a.m.

Transportation available downtown and back.

Lunch available on the field.

Antique Aircraft Displays
Military Aircraft Displays
Swap Meet (Bring your goodies.)
Spot Landings
Four Bombings
Flight Training
Introductory Flights
Biplane Rides

Yellowstone Airport: Ready to Serve

By: Redge Meierhenry
Airport/Airways Bureau

The airport will officially open June 1 with SkyWest Airlines providing direct scheduled airline service to Salt Lake City. **NOTE:** The Unicom frequency has changed at the Airport. The frequency was 128.0 and is now **123.0**. This frequency also activates the approach light system and the runway edge light system. The Airport Facility Directory already is published with this updated information.

When you arrive at the airport, Avis, and Budget Rent-A-Car agencies will provide you with a large selection of vehicles for your use to visit Yellowstone National Park, the Grizzly Discovery Center, IMAX and other attractions. Yellowstone Aviation provides Exxon fuels, tie downs, etc. for your aircraft. In the terminal building, Doris' Café serves beer and wine with their meals so be sure to stop in when visiting. The cafe has an excellent Mexican menu.

Available next to the ramp is our free pilot campground featuring running water, fireplaces, picnic tables and a hot shower facility. Free firewood is also provided for campfire circle.

Our annual Labor Day Fly-in is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, Sept 5-7. A density altitude clinic and pilot safety seminars will be part of the program with FAA and Aeronautics instructors. Tours through the Interagency Fire Control Center base, smokejumpers, is planned along with other activities and special meals. Please call us in Helena at (406) 444-2506 about the fly-in or call the airport (406) 646-7631 about airport facilities, camping, motels, etc.

Our airport can handle anything from a single seat homebuilt to a Boeing 767. We're sure you'll fit in somewhere -- see you at the airport.

Phone numbers that may help your visit: Skywest Airlines 646-7351; Yellowstone Aviation 646-7359; Budget Rent-A-Car 646-7735; Avis Rent-A-Car 646-7625; Doris' Café 646-9533.



FIRC A Winner!!

Al Englehardt with Instructor Fest "wows" Montana Flight Instructors at the annual Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic. Way to go Al, the reviews are back and the Montana Flight Instructors are saying it was one of the best flight instructor refresher clinics ever. What made it so was the straight forward Practical Test Standards approach

Al Englehardt is from Lake Bluff, IL, he keeps his hand in aviation as a pilot for United Airlines and as an FAA Designated Flight Examiner, he was the recipient of the FAA's National Flight Instructor of the year award. Al is a sought after aviation speaker in the aviation industry and speaks frequently on aviation safety. He is type rated in Boeing 747-400, 757, 767 and 777 series aircraft. Al spends his spare time with his son flying for fun in a decathlon.

Instructors attending this year's clinic were also treated to Dr. Jerry Cockrell's aviation expertise at the dinner and lunch which were a part of this year's 16 hour program. Thank you, also, to Jim Cooney, Safety Program Manager at the Helena Flight Standards District Office, for his continued support of the flight instructor refresher clinic, it is unusual that a FAA program manager would stay for the whole clinic, but not for Jim, who is with us from start to finish. Thank you to Carol Henry of the FAA for getting all the temporary flight instructor certificates out.

Fifty-seven flight instructors renewed their certificates at the 1998 FIRC. Al Englehardt will be back in February of 1999 for the refresher clinic, plan to attend.



Jeanne Lesnik pinning honorary Montana Wings on Al Engelhardt.



Montana Safety Councilors recognized at the 1998 FIRC include: Stan Read, Bill Werner, Fred Hasskamp, David Smith, Jim Cooney (FAA), Dr. Jerry Cockrell and Dennis Lohse.

State Airports Update

Rock Creek: Due to the inability to work out a binding agreement with all of the owners, the Rock Creek Airport near Clinton, also known as Elliot Field, was closed as a public use airport. The owner of the West portion of the runway is currently operating his portion of the runway as a private use airport.

Richey: The Aeronautics Division has assumed ownership of the Richey Airport at Richey. The Division has worked out an agreement for the City of Richey to manage the airport. The Division will also be installing a pilot controlled lighting controller for the runway in the near future.

Sceely Lake: The Missoula County Airport Authority is in the process of working out the details for transferring ownership of the Sceely Lake airport to the Aeronautics Division. If the transfer takes place, the Aeronautics Division will rely heavily on the volunteer efforts of the local pilots for upkeep and day to day operations at the airport.

Top Gun" Flight Camp

Grades 6-11: This camp will provide campers with an exciting and challenging introduction to the world of aviation. It is designed for students who are interested in learning how to fly and about aviation in general. By the end of camp, students will have flown three lessons with certified flight instructors in a Cessna trainer aircraft provided by Lynch Flying Service; flown two training sessions in Rocky's state-of-the-art flight simulator; conducted experiments and solved problems in a classroom setting; talked with guest speakers and taken numerous aviation related field trips. Enrollment is limited!

Instructor Erik Anderson, M.A.

Course Number: (5733.741)

Dates: June 15-19

Times: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm daily

Fee: \$440 (includes lunches, flights, simulator time and supplies)

Resident Options: \$540 (includes Monday breakfast through Friday lunch, lodging, and evening supervision)

Location: Rocky Hall 108, Billings, MT

Information: (406)657-1040 or (406)259-5294

Jerry's Journal

(Reprinted with permission from British Columbia Aviation Council Report
G. N. (Jerry) Lloyd, President & CEO)

Back in 1978 the Minister of Transport imposed a user pay tax on aviation fuel. We were told it would pay for the use of airports, air traffic control, navigational aids and our national system. We were happy in the kingdom of flight. Now we fast forward to 1998 and airports have been sold off to towns and cities, the navigation system has been privatized, light houses de-staffed and we still have the tax on fuel.

Very shortly NAV Canada will be imposing fees on Aircraft less than 8 tons as of November 1, 1998. It seems we are paying twice and we are not happy in the kingdom of flight. The other tax grab that bugs me is the Province of British Columbia which takes 5 cents a liter on turbine fuel. It is reported that this brings in 45 million dollars, the province gave on 2.5 million dollars on grants to community air ports. All of us should be mad as hell!



AIRCRAFT BILLINGS REACH RECORD HIGH

The General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) announced that 1997 was a banner year for general aviation manufacturers and indicators strongly suggest that 1998 will be even better.

Statistical highlights of 1997:
Highest industry billings ever – \$4.7 billion up from \$3.1 billion in 1996
Highest shipments since 1985 – 1,569 units up from 1,130 units in 1996
Single-engine piston sales are up 70.8% and jet aircraft sales are up 44.4%
According to preliminary data from NTSB – best safety record ever
Aircraft exports increase 30.1% to 449 in 1997
Student starts are up 8.3%, reversing a downward trend



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Directory Changes

The Bozeman Tower and Ground Frequencies in the 1998 Montana Airport Directory are **WRONG!!!!** The Bozeman Tower Frequency is 118.2 and the Ground Frequency is 121.8. The new West Yellowstone Unicom/CTAF Frequency is 123.0.

Please make note of these changes in your airport directory.

New Weather Source Available

The FAA and the National Weather Service have placed new weather sources on the Internet. The FAA now makes data available from all ASOS automatic weather reporting sites by going to this address: www.faa.gov/aua/ipt_prod/terminal/asos/asoslist.htm. You'll find that once you have clicked on a site, the actual weather for that site has moved to a new page, but is only an additional click away. Additionally, weather is available for many sites in the nation and the world at the National Weather Service site weather.noaa.gov/weather/ccus.html. Weather less than an hour old is provided, along with a lengthy history going back 24 or more hours.

Airtour '98

The Alberta Aviation Council is organizing an Airtour in celebration of the Centennial Anniversary Of Gold Rush.

The Airtour will depart Edmonton June 18 or 19 and fly to Ft. St. John, Ft. Nelson, Watson Lake, Teslin, Whitehorse, Carmacks, Minto and arrive into Dawson City on June 21.

For more detail contact the Alberta Aviation Council at (403) 414-6191.

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